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SON OF PERIPHERAL CANAL:

The Water Wars

Here we go again. Senator Ruben Ayala and Assemblyman Jim Costa have proposed legislation to take our water SOUTH. The Senate bill passed in early June and at this writing the Assembly bill is moving with frightening rapidity. Our local and other northern California legislators are fighting as best they can.

Please write to your State Senator and your Assemblyman, with an additional note to Willie Brown 17th Assembly District, Speaker of the Assembly, if you are not in his district. Tell them how important you feel this issue is.

1987 CONSERVATION AND SERVICE AWARDS

This year the *Elsie Roemer Conservation Awards*, given annually to one member of GGAS and to one member of the public who have made outstanding contributions in the preservation of our environment, were given to Thomas Yocom and Leora Feeney. Helen Green and Shirley Jane Kelly were the recipients of the *GGAS Service Awards*.

Thomas Yocom is coordinator in the Region IX (west coast) Office of the Environmental Protection Agency having jurisdiction over Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, in particular with wetland protection. He is a major figure in our effort to protect rapidly disappearing wetlands. Tom is one dedicated natural resource professional who puts his ideals and his desire to carry out the intent of the law ahead of his self-interest. Denying development in order to preserve wetlands is no road to riches, and we are fortunate that there are people like Thomas Yocom and last year's winner, Paul Kelly working hard for wetlands preservation.

Leora Feeney, is no doubt well known to most GGAS members. One of the most untiring, unselfish, and beloved of chapter members, she has been a close friend of Elise Roemer for years. They are both residents of the City of Alameda and have fought many environmental battles there, winning some, losing some, but always devoted and energetic. It is especially fitting that Leora should

be given the Elsie Roemer award. Leora is a member of the board of directors.

The GGAAS Service Awards to Shirley Jane Kelly and Helen Green recognize their years of dedicated participation in GGAS activities. **Helen Green** has served in many capacities, both on the board and otherwise. Birder, cyclist, writer, quilter, and friend, we are pleased that she will continue her fine Observations column in *The Gull*. **Shirley Kelly** has been our tireless Field Trips Chairman, frequent field trip leader, sometime vice-president, and for six years very active member of the board of directors. She has agreed to help her successor to take over as Field Trips Chairman.

Each of these women has made a significant contribution to GGAS, and to its board of directors. The board feels the loss of their active participation and their reasoned contributions to board deliberations.

HELP WANTED

FIELD TRIP COORDINATOR

An obvious outcome of Shirley Kelly's resignation (page 93) is the need to find the next Field Trips Coordinator. The coordinator arranges with former field trip leaders to schedule and coordinate trip dates well in advance, writes the F. T. Calendar copy for *The Gull*, develops new trips, and finds new leaders, sometimes leads trips. Shirley has agreed to orient the new coordinator. The process is very well organized, the time commitment is not

enormous, and the work can be done in odd moments at one's leisure. Why don't you consider doing this? Call Shirley; she will be glad to answer your questions (387-8290).

FIELD TRIPS CALENDAR

Sunday, August 2—Beginners' Trip to Rodeo Lagoon. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Marine Headlands Ranger Station. Take Hwy. 101 across the Golden Gate Bridge, take the Alexander Ave. exit and turn left through the tunnel to the Marin Headlands. Follow the road to the ranger station at the beach. Bring liquids. We will walk about one mile on level ground around the lagoon. We will be looking for gulls, egrets bitterns and night-herons. The trip will end around noon. Leader: Jerry Scott (752-5835). (✓)

Saturday, August 8—Beginner's Trip to Mountain View Shoreline Park. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the hikers' gate at the end of San Antonio Rd. From Hwy. 101 exit on San Antonio Rd. east and drive about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile toward the bay. Highlights of this trip will be ducks and waders which nest in the south bay, as well as migrating shorebirds. We will walk about 2-3 miles on levees. Sunscreen or a hat may be advisable. This trip will end at noon. Leader: Woody Kuehn (239-7914).

Thursday/Sunday, August 13/16—Back-packing trip to Lassen Volcanic National Park. We will backpack in three miles and spend three nights camped by a lake near a large meadow. We should see mixed flocks of warblers and other songbirds that summer in

Lassen, resident birds of the mountains and perhaps some migrating shorebirds. We will be in beautiful country! Everyone will be responsible for his/her own gear and food, although some cooperative meals may be arranged. For details call Robin Pulich (848-3594). This trip is limited to twelve people. Leaders: David Rice and Robin Pulich. \$(✓)

Saturday, August 22—Moss Landing. Meet at 8:30 at the Marina parking lot. Go south on Hwy. 1 to Moss Landing. Turn right (just beyond the PG&E station) at the road to the Marina Science Lab. The parking is just before the one lane bridge. We will be looking for early migrating shorebirds and elegant terns. Bring snacks and beverages. This trip will end at noon. Leader: Don Starks (408-371-9720). (✓)

Saturday, August 29—Shorebird Migration. Meet at Abbot's Lagoon parking lot at 8 a.m. We will be looking closely at every shorebird at the lagoon in order to determine its identity and age. Beginners are welcomed. Bring Scopes. Leader: Lina Jane Prairie (549-3187, evenings).

Saturday, September 12—San Mateo Coast. Meet at Pescadero Rd. at 9 a.m. We will bird at Pescadero in the morning and at Ano Nuevo in the afternoon. If you wish to join the group for the afternoon only, meet us at the Ano Nuevo parking lot at 1 p.m. Bring lunch and a light jacket; the weather can be cool along the coast. We will look for migrants and shorebirds in the mudflats. We will be looking for Pectoral and Baird's Sandpipers, Tattlers and Knots. We may also see Marbled Murrelets at Ano Nuevo. Call Shirley Kelly (837-8920) by September 7 for reservations. Leader: Ted Chandik (493-5330). \$(✓)

Carpooling arrangements can be made for trips marked (✓). Call Kate

Partridge at 236-7022 and leave a message. She will call you.

Trips marked \$ go to parks or other sites which require an entrance fee.

Problems: If for any reason you have difficulty getting in touch with a field trip leader or need information regarding a trip, call Shirley Kelly (387-8290) or the GGAS office (843-2222).

—FIELD TRIPS COMMITTEE

MAY OBSERVATIONS

April 30 through May 27

The Rare Bird Alert for Northern California, source for most of the material in this column, is being given a lift in the way of new equipment (see the June *Gull*). Joe Morlan, our able compiler and narrator of the RBA for over ten years, is upgrading the system. The regular RBA continues to be updated each Wednesday. In addition a separate 24-hour update line (524-5592) has been added which changes when especially rare birds are seen, but acts as if no one is home if no rare birds rate the service. This new line and the regular RBA number (528-0288) allow bird messages to be left at the end of the tapes. The Northern California RBA has consistently rated among the top in the nation. Our thanks to Joe for his efforts, and also to all of you who have contributed to the RBA.

May provided two small landbird waves, interspersed with a heat wave, to test the new equipment. A more complete picture of the spring migration should be revealed by the next *Gull* deadline. Reports of interesting local breeding birds, while not often mentioned in this column, are significant, and this information is stored on a database and reported to *American Birds*.

Petrels to Murrelets

A "Cookilaria" type gadfly petrel was

spotted on a whale-watching trip to the Farallones May 17 (TJ); a photo of the bird may help to clarify identification. The resolute blue phase Snow Goose at the San Lorenzo River in Santa Cruz was last seen in incomplete body molt on May 6 (DLSu). A rather late Eurasian Wigeon was at Limantour Estero April 30 (RoH). The Bolinas Lagoon male Harlequin Duck remained through May 16 (DW, GH), while the Rodeo Lagoon male Harlequin continued to be seen through the period (DRu, GH). Twelve Lesser Golden-Plovers were at Lawson's Landing April 29, with nine in breeding plumage (RHa). The last report of Lesser Yellowlegs was of 2 at College lake north of Watsonville May 12 (DLSu). A Baird's Sandpiper, very scarce in the spring, was found at College Lake May 12 (DLSu). A breeding plumaged Laughing Gull at Davenport Landing May 23 adds to very few spring records for this species, and a breeding plumaged Franklin's Gull was at Jetty Road, Monterey Co. May 10 (both DLSu). An Artic Tern reported from Mt. View Forebay April 26 surprised observers at this unexpected location (DLSu, PLN). Forty-five Marbled Murrelets were counted from Davenport Landing during a two-hour seawatch May 1, (DLSu). Two Xantus' Murrelets were found on a pelagic trip southwest of Pt. Pinos May 17 (SJ). Two late Ancient Murrelets in breeding plumage were off of Davenport landing May 21 (DLSu).

Landbirds

A Hairy Woodpecker at Lincoln Park in San Francisco May 9 was an extremely rare find there (ASH). A woodpeewee, believed to be an Eastern Wood-Pewee based upon its call, was present in Pacific Grove on and off from April 28 through May 10 (DR). A Clark's Nutcracker was found near the north

end of Swanton Road in Santa Cruz Co. April 25 (DLSu). Two Sage Thrashers turned up this spring: one near the UC Santa Cruz campus April 27-30 (PTr, et al., *fide* DLSu), for a third country record; and another at Arthur Lake in Santa Clara County May 11 (DLSu).

The following table of vagrant warblers lists 12-13 individuals of 7 species.

Tennessee Warbler (total 2)

1 Pt. Reyes Lighthouse	May 17	DW
1 Nunes	May 23	AME

Northern Parula (4-5)

1 Bear Valley Hdqtrs (male)	May 4-24	AD et al.
1 Bear Valley Hdqtrs (possible female)	May 12	RS, <i>fide</i> DW
1 Pt. Reyes Nunes	May 22-24	ASH, DSr
1 Golden Gate Park	May 9	ASH
1 Vercle Rd., San Mateo Co.	May 5	JMS

Magnolia Warbler (total 1)

1 Pt. Reyes Nunes	May 23	MW
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Ovenbird (total 1)

1 Pt. Reyes Lighthouse	May 22	ASH
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Northern Waterthrush (total 1)

1 Alum Rock Park	May 1	THK
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Kentucky Warbler (total 1)

1 PRBO Palomarin	May 13	<i>fide</i> DDes
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Hooded Warbler (total 2)

1 PRBO Palomarin	May 7	<i>fide</i> DDes
1 SF Residence	May 17	DE

An Indigo Bunting was found at Pt. Reyes New Willows May 23 (ASH). Some Red Crossbills brightened up Lincoln Park in San Francisco May 9 (ASH).

Observers

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Please report observations to Northern California Rare Bird Alert: 528-0288 or 524-5592.

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BACK YARD BIRDER

Like any expectant parent, I'm awaiting the first peek at the babies in our nesting box. The parents, Chestnut-backed Chickadees, are beginning to look frazzled from their efforts to keep all those mouths full. In two weeks' time, faint peeping has become a full-blown chorus of the familiar chickadees' call. Soon, fuzzy young birds should appear at the entrance before tumbling out for their first flight. Care must be taken that a Scrub Jay, a neighborhood cat or other predator is not watching. I'm not the only bird watcher in my yard!

Chickadees are members of the Titmouse family, all of which are friendly, curious and relatively tame around man. Other family members include Verdins, Bushtits and Titmouses. (The name "Tit" connotes anything small, while the "mouse" comes from an Anglo-Saxon word, *mase*, referring to any small bird. Therefore, the correct plural should be "titmouses" rather than "titmice.") These energetic birds are among the first in your yard to find a nesting box in spring or to discover a feeding station—perhaps be in constant

communication with one another. They love sunflower seeds, suet, peanut butter mixed with cornmeal. They are useful in your yard since they thrive upon populations of caterpillars, leafhoppers, scale insects, wasps, beetles and spiders—your own environmentally-safe pest control force!

In areas removed from man's influences, members of the Titmouse family nest in holes, either dug by a nesting pair or in an abandoned woodpecker hole. Since there are many hole-nesting species (e.g. Violet-green and Tree Swallows, all bluebird species, most owls, some wrens, woodpeckers and some flycatchers) there is much competition for homes. Woodpeckers construct new holes each year, doing their part to ease the housing shortage. But, many older forests are being either logged or cleared, creating a problem for all hole-nesting species. This is a good reason to provide bird houses of various sizes in your yard.

My family of chickadees will probably include between 5 and 9 young. According to my sources, the exact age when the young fledge has not been verified. But it's probably similar to other family members—between 14 and 21 days. Verdins return to their nest at night to sleep after fledging. Wonder about young chickadee? I just hope I'll be present for their launching.

It is thought that pairs of this family of birds remain together for several years, probably because they are territorial rather than because they are faithful to each other. In the fall we'll clean out and disinfect the nesting box to rid it of parasites. Then next spring we hope the chickadees will rediscover it. We're happy to have provided a snug and safe home for such an engaging family.

—MEG PAULETICH

BIRDS, RAINFORESTS, VOLCANOES AND MORE BIRDS— Costa Rica 1987

Leaders Steve Howell and Lina Jane Prairie, and a GGAS Costa Rica trip in the spring are an unbeatable combination. This March seven adventurous birders spent 16 days with Steve and Lina exploring parks, wildlife refuges and biological reserves which had been selected to showcase the diverse habitats of this beautiful country. We focused on birds, but we couldn't miss the profuse show of bougainvillea, impatiens, orchids and other beautiful tropical flowers, trees, and plants which flourished around us.

Our first introduction to serious birding in Costa Rica was at Monteverde, a preserve in a cloud forest in the Tilaran mountain range. There we stayed at hotel Belmar, a graceful structure facing west toward the Pacific coast, twenty-five miles away. The food here was delicious and plentiful, as it proved to be throughout the trip, and water was potable as well. The next morning, on our way to the entrance to Monteverde Cloud Forest Preserve, seven Resplendent Quetzals were waiting for us, and they flew into their favorite fruiting trees just as we drove up the road to the Preserve. Golden-browed Chlorophonias were building a nest in the bank beside the road, and a male Three-wattled Bellbird, making his presence known by his continuous, echoing song, was visible near the entrance to the Preserve. Our day included a hike up through the cloud forest to the Continental Divide, where we could see both the Atlantic and the Pacific Oceans from one spot. Nearby we saw Emerald Toucanets, Prong-billed Barbets and

Black Guans. What an introduction to a place which was to provide many more resplendent birds of genus and species unknown in the U.S.!

Then it was off to Corcovado, a remote National Park on the Pacific Ocean in southern Costa Rica. We reached our destination, a small clearing in this beautiful primary rainforest, by flying in single-engine, six-passenger airplanes. The landing strip served as grazing pasture for horses, burros, and Giant Cowbirds, when not occupied by small planes. We stayed in the station buildings next to the landing strip and watched Scarlet Macaws mating in the trees 100 yards away. Their beauty in flight makes it hard to imagine anyone keeping them in cages. Approximately seventy macaws at Corcovado comprise one of three remaining populations in Costa Rica. Favorite pastimes of our group included crawling through the second growth forest after a Scaled Ant-pitta, sitting on the porch watching eleven King Vultures all at one time, and swimming on our backs in the Rio Claro viewing a Little Hermit feed on pink blossoms overhead. Four species of monkeys, a sloth, a jaguar seen by two of the party, many other mammals, ant trails, and the birds, birds, birds, added to the intensity of the rainforest experience.

We flew to Palmar, where we found our bus waiting, and headed north to San Isidro. The following day we visited Alexander Skutch, a botanist and ornithologist who has lived in and studied the tropical forests for almost fifty years. He led us on a hike around his tropical farm, pointing out many nesting birds, and relating delightful stories on the relationships among plants, insects and birds which have dominated his life since he moved there. He is 82 years old now and is full of plans for continuing studies. He cheerfully autographed the

many books we had brought, and after spending a morning with this remarkable man we came away truly inspired.

A return to San Jose via Cerro de la Muerte gave us a chance to cross the Continental Divide on the highest point of the Pan-American Highway, and to visit a humid montane rainforest.

We then headed for La Selva, a famous biological research station in the Caribbean lowlands, where we expected to add many more birds to our growing life lists. Here we were treated to White-collared Manakins with lek and nest right outside our sleeping quarters, as well as a Great Potoo not far from the dining area in the evening. The unusual name game was played here with Purple-throated Fruitcrow, White-breasted Wood-Wren, Shining Honeycreeper, Buff-throated Saltator, Great-billed Seed-Finch, Yellow-faced Grassquit, and Scarlet-rumped Cacique being some of the candidates for prizes. Large blue Morpho butterflies drifted through the primary rainforest, along with many other beauties, including helicopter damselflies. New mammals and reptiles were added to our growing list.

During the last two days we made day trips from San Jose so we would have late afternoons to return to and explore the capital. We visited the Orosi Valley and the Tapanti Reserve where we were fortunate to see both Ornate and Black Hawk-Eagles as well as Orange-bellied Trogan, Torrent Tyrannulet, and nesting Chestnut-collared Oropendolas.

Our final trip was a return to the humid montane rainforest near Cerro de la Muerte where we found a few more outrageous birds, including Flame-throated Warbler, Flame-colored Tanager, Buffy Tuftedcheek, and our third set of Resplendent Quetzels. We

came away with over 450 species of birds seen or heard by the group, and with vivid and lasting impressions of a compellingly beautiful tropical country.

—HELEN GREEN and
BETH HANSON

GGAS OFFICE HOURS REDUCED

One of several cost-cutting decisions, the board announces that the office will be open from June 1 four days a week, Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4 p.m. In one sense this was welcomed by our Office Manager, Barbara Rivenes, but it also means a 20% reduction in services and support to chapter activities. One remedy is to develop a corps of volunteers to assist in the office.

GGAS NEEDS A VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

There are a number of activities of the chapter that depend upon a corps of volunteers. Finding and recruiting people from among our members to meet these needs is a job looking for a willing and experienced volunteer. We are probably looking for a retired person, and the tasks would include telephoning, inducting and instructing volunteers, scheduling work, and liaison with the office manager. From our experience there are many willing people, but lack of a structure for specifying tasks, scheduling, and coordinating the work, has limited our effectiveness in this. If you might help in this activity please call the office and talk with Barbara Rivenes at 843-2222.

NEW PUBLICATION

Kurt F. Campbell, a regional editor for *American Birds*, announces that his newsletter, *The Reminder*, has developed into something more ambitious called PICA. It began as a communication to observers reporting to him for *American Birds*. Annual subscription \$5. Inquiries should be sent to him. Box 268, Cotati, CA 94928, (707) 7985-8492

INTRODUCED SPECIES

The California Bird Records Committee of the Western Field Ornithologists is seeking information on the status of non-native populations of the following species in California: Common Peafowl, White-tailed Ptarmigan, Ringed Turtle-Dove, Rose-ringed Parakeet, Black-hooded Parakeet, Canary-winged Parakeet, Red-crowned Parrot, Lilac-crowned Parrot, Yellow-headed Parrot, Red-whiskered Bulbul, Oriental White-eye, and Northern Cardinal. Anyone with information on the history of the release, escape, population size, distribution, nesting success, attempts to manage or eradicate these populations, or other factors which bear on the question of their establishment, or of the establishment of other introduced species not on the California State Check-List is urged to report to Kimball L. Garrett, Section of Birds and Mammals, Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, 900 Exposition Blvd., Los Angeles CA 90007.

EXTENDED FIELD TRIPS—CORRECTION

The last paragraph of the story on 1987-88 Extended Field Trips (pp. 88-89) should have read:

In November 1987 we will take only six people to "southern Mexico" and in

March 1988 only eight people to Costa Rica. A \$200 deposit is required by August 15 for each trip. Please note that a **\$100** tax deductible donation to GGAS is included in the cost of these trips. Support GGAS and head for the tropics.

THE INITIATIVE

My hearty thanks to the membership of GGAS for your excellent and positive response to the request for help in support on the California Parks and Wildlife Initiative (CAL P.A.W.)! As a member of GGAS, and as CAL P.A.W. Regional Coordinator, I was especially pleased with the response from Nicki Spillane's fine article in *The Gull* for May, and from the mail-in card included with that issue. Again, thanks to all of you who did respond, and a word of encouragement to those of you who meant to but forgot or hesitated. We will still need your help. Please send your May card in today or call Barbara Rivenes at 843-2222.

The signature drive will be well under way by the time you read this, but I know that we will still need all the additional help that we can get. If you think that you can help at all, an afternoon, an evening, three hours one weekend day, or volunteer to help me in the CAL P.A.W. regional office—please come forward. We need your help and we truly appreciate your support. The effort will benefit all Californians for years to come. This is a direct way in which you can help in the acquisition of park land in California.

The issues are clearly explained in *The Gull* (page 71). For more information call Barbara or call me at 540-6671, the CAL P.A.W. OFFICE at 2927-A Shattuck Ave., just north of Ashby Ave.

—BRUCE E. WALKER

FALL BIRDING CLASSES IN SAN FRANCISCO

Evening bird classes will be offered through the San Francisco Community College starting in September. Fees will be \$45 for each eight-week course, payable in advance through the Community Services Office or at the first scheduled meeting. For information on walk-in or mail-in registration, call the Community Services Offices, 776-8247. All classes will be at the City College of San Francisco near the intersection of Judson and Phelan Avenues. Parking is available in the North Reservoir off Phelan Ave. for a \$7.50 fee per semester. The Balboa BART Station is adjacent to the college.

Each class stresses identification, status and habits of North American birds in two-and-a-half hour weekly slide-lectures. The text for all classes is the *Field Guide to the Birds of North America* by the National Geographic Society. The instructor is Joe Morlan, co-author of *Birds of Northern California*, and compiler of the weekly recorded "Northern California Rare Bird Alert", which can be reached by calling 528-0288.

Ornithology I is an introduction to avian biology. It stresses concepts in modern ornithology, including behavior, population ecology and evolution, illustrated primarily by common Bay Area birds. It meets Tuesdays starting September 8 from 7-9:30 p.m. in room 268, Arts Building Extension.

Ornithology II is an in-depth systematic treatment of identification and status of landbirds including longspurs, buntings, blackbirds, and tanagers. It meets Wednesdays starting September 9 from 7-9:30 p.m. in room 210, Arts Building.

Ornithology III will cover waterbirds

including gulls and terns. It meets Thursdays starting September 10 from 7-9:30 p.m. in room 268, Arts Building Extension.

These classes are recommended and sponsored by GGAS. Optional field trips may be arranged on weekends. Please bring binoculars and field guides to class if you have them. For more information call the Community Service office at 776-8247. The text is available at the GGAS office.

PRBO NATURAL EXCURSIONS

The immediate offerings of the Point Reyes Bird Observatory's Natural Excursions are:

Beginning Birds—Saturday July 11 and Sunday July 12 with Michael Ellis will explore the Point Reyes peninsula to discover its birds and learn about them. \$70 (includes hostel) for non-members of PRBO.

Birds in Watercolor—Saturday Aug. 8 and Sunday Aug. 9 with Keith Hansen will give you a chance to try your hand at painting birds. Appropriate for anyone with background in line drawing. \$85 (includes dormitory at ACR Volunteer Canyon) for non-members.

Wader Weekend—Friday evening Aug. 21 through Sunday Aug. 23, join Gary Page and Rich Stallcup at the peak of shore bird migration to bird Bolinas Lagoon and other habitats. \$75 (includes dormitory at ACR) for non-members.

Monterey Seabirds—Saturday Aug. 29 and Sunday Aug. 30 with Rich Stallcup will bird the central California coast from Moss Landing to Asilomar with a pelagic trip on Sunday. \$90 (includes campsite and boat trip) for non-members.

Members of PRBC receive a discount from the stated prices. For information phone PRBO at 868-1221.

NEWS FROM THE RANCH

Audubon Canyon Ranch

Shoreline Hwy., Stinson Beach, Ca., (415) 383-1644 Wildlife Sanctuaries & Centers for Nature Education under joint sponsorship of Golden Gate, Madrone, Marin and Sequoia Audubon Societies Rick Baird, Chairman

This column will resume in *The Gull* for September.

CONVERSATION WITH A TRAMP

If you are visiting Yosemite this summer and haven't seen the performance of Lee Stetson in his "An Evening With John Muir", try to catch it. My family and I attended the Yosemite Theatre in early June and thoroughly enjoyed this poetic and dramatic presentation. We were really moved.

—Editor

BIG BIRD SEED SALE PLANS

Mark your calendar: October 17 is our fall bird seed sale date. The sale will be expanded to include sales of bird-feeders. The same fine array of seed will be available. And...we would like donations of used birding equipment and books to be sold at rummage-sale prices to help solve our financial woes. Equipment should be, of course, in good working order. Other items of a birdy nature will also be welcome. Our location will change too, from a parking lot to a nearby warehouse. This is a first word of warning and solicitation for items for the sale. Watch *The Gull*.

Volunteers will be welcome!.

GIFTS AND BEQUESTS

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The Society welcomes gifts in general or gifts in honor of or in memory of relatives and friends. Such gifts will be used as specified by the donor or, if unspecified, at the discretion of the GGAS Board of Directors. This includes their use for general GGAS activities or for special programs of the Society including Audubon Canyon Ranch of which GGAS is a sponsor. Please send your gift in the form of a check made out to Golden Gate Audubon Society, 1550 Shattuck Ave., #204, Berkeley, CA 94709. All gifts are tax deductible. The Society is also appreciative of any bequests. Such bequests should specify as recipient the Golden Gate Audubon Society, Inc. All gifts, donations and bequests will be acknowledged in *The Gull* as well as personally on behalf of the Society by the Secretary.

ADOPT A CLASS TIME

For the past three years our chapter has provided between 10 and 20 local elementary school classes with Audubon Adventures, a bi-monthly environmental education newsletter prepared by National Audubon for 4th through 6th graders.

The program has been warmly received by classes here, as well as by 5,000 across the country. Preparations for the new school year begin early and we would like to be able to offer the opportunity to classes as requested. With our shrinking budget, however, chapter sponsorship will be reduced. Individual sponsorship has helped in the past, and you are invited to participate, sponsoring a class of your choice or one which has requested the program of us. To help, just send your contribution to the office. A contribution of \$25 will sponsor a class.

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Your name:

MONO LAKE BIKE-ATHON

The call is out for participants in the Eighth Annual Los Angeles to Mono Lake Bike-a-Thon. In six days the tour peddles from the Dept. of Water and Power to return water to Mono Lake—a symbolic act—calling attention to the damage water diversion by Los Angeles causes to the ecosystem of threatened Mono Lake. To ride or volunteer the use of a support vehicle call Nancy Desser at (213) 477-8229 or write Mono Lake Committee, 1355 Westwood Blvd., Suite 6, Los Angeles, CA 90024. To pledge support see below.

OUR TWO TRY IT AGAIN

The intrepid biking duo, Barbara Rivenes, GGAS Office Manager, and Helen Green, Obs. Ed., are planning to cycle again from Los Angeles to Mono Lake this summer to raise money for ongoing law suits. Four legal actions are pending: the Public Trust suit, the DPW Mono Basin water licenses challenge, and the Rush Creek and Lee Vining Creek issues. Because of a very dry winter, in addition to continued diversions by the City of Los Angeles, Mono Lake is still in trouble. Pledges per mile for the 350-mile journey will not only help Mono Lake, but will give Barbara and Helen a needed push up those hills. Please send your pledges to GGAS, 1550 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley CA 94709.

MONO LAKE PLEDGE FORM

I am pledging _____ per mile for the Rivenes/Green Bike-a-Thon Team.

Name: _____

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— SECOND CLASS MATTER



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